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Leesa Morrison
Director
Department of Liquor Licenses and Control
800 West Washington St., 5th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2621; illegal liquor sales; liability

Dear Director Morrison:

Today I signed House Bill 2621 related to illegal liquor sales.

Although this bill affords some options to liquor license holders that may be appropriate in some circumstances, it creates the potential for establishments that clearly do not qualify as restaurants to sell liquor in locations that are not in the best interest of the communities in which they reside.

In implementing this bill, therefore, I am instructing the Arizona Department of Liquor to give careful and appropriate consideration to community objections to the establishment's maintenance of a liquor license under the circumstances, as well as to the establishment's proximity to schools, youth centers, churches and other established locales that are likely to be adversely affected by the establishment's continued maintenance of a liquor license under the particular circumstances.

Finally, in addition to the report required pursuant to section 7 of House Bill 2621, I am further requesting that you provide an interim report six (6) months after the effective date of this new law.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", followed by a horizontal line.
Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Michele Reagan